

# April 2007

## Potato Creek State Park

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.  
All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. (Eastern Time Zone)


### SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007

- 9 a.m. - Noon **Potato Creek Seasonal Job Fair** – Find out about seasonal job opportunities at the park and how to apply for them. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**
- 2:00 p.m. **BEAUTIFUL BLOOMERS** – Think spring! Come learn the basics of wildflower ID so you'll be ready when they bloom. 45 minutes. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007

- 2:00 p.m. **ATTRACTING BIRDS** - Pick up some tips on how to attract birds to YOUR backyard from this video. 1 hour. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**



### SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. **TRILLERS & CROAKERS** – Come learn about the wonderful spring sounds of the amphibians in this program. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**
- 2:00 p.m. **OSPREY!** - Hear about the endangered "fish hawk" in this talk and then go out and see if you can find one.  **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007

- 2:00 p.m. **WEBS OF INTRIGUE** – Don't miss this entertaining video about spiders to learn a little about their fascinating lives. 1 hour. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007

-  9am-3pm **GARLIC MUSTARD PULL** - Join the Friends of Potato Creek for an hour, or the day, to help fight these alien invaders threatening our woodlands. Gloves recommended. **MEET: Nature Center**
- 10:00 a.m. **UP IN SMOKE!** - Find out the why's and how's of prescribed burns at Potato Creek. 45 minutes. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**
- 1-4 p.m. **\$\$ BAT NEST BOX WORKSHOP** - Come make a bat nest box to take home and learn how to manage it. For ages 8 and up. \$15 fee Advance registration required, limit 30.  **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007

- 2:00 p.m. **MAPS – KEYS TO YOUR WORLD** – Review the basics of map reading and take a look at several different types of maps of the park and state. 30 minutes. **MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007** (*Nature Center will be closed today*)

**7:00 p.m.**    **FRIENDS OF POTATO CREEK MONTHLY MEETING** – Speaker for the meeting will be Rick Glassman, Education Coordinator with the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District. Glassman will share information on current environmental issues, including recycling, St. Joseph county water quality, and global warming. Open to all!!



**MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007**

**10:00 a.m.**    **REPTILE REVIEW** - Learn a little about our native reptiles and then meet one up close and personal. 45 minutes.

**MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**2:00 p.m.**    **NATIVE GARDENING** – Pick up some tips how you can beautify your yard using native plantings in this program. We'll even get you started with a free plant.

**MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007**    *Happy Earth Day! Have you done anything "green" today??*

**2:00 p.m.**    **THE BUZZ ON BEES** - Explore the amazing world of the honeybee during this talk. 30 minutes.

**MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007**

**9am-3pm**    **SPRING CLEAN UP** - Join the Friends of Potato Creek for an hour, or the day, to help clean up & trim around the campground and trails. Garden gloves are recommended.

**MEET: Family Campground Gate**

**10:00 a.m.**    **FLOWER ID BASICS** - Come learn the basics of wildflower ID so you'll be ready to identify them on the trail. 45 minutes.

**MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**2:00 p.m.**    **INTRO TO GEOCAHING** – Bring your GPS unit or come without as we introduce you to the very popular past time of geocaching! 30 minutes.

**MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007**

**2:00 p.m.**    **WILDFLOWERS OF POTATO CREEK** – Come enjoy a colorful slide show on the flowers of the park through the seasons. 30 minutes.

**MEET: Nature Center Auditorium**

## **Potato Creek State Park**

### **April Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)**

**Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 p.m.    Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.    Weekdays: Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

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Find out how you can help support Potato Creek State Park by becoming a member of the Friends Group.  
Visit their website at [www.friendsofpotatocreek.org](http://www.friendsofpotatocreek.org) or ask about it at the Nature Center.